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SUBJECT: ARREST CASE: W/W: PHILIP PAUL WILSON

REF: (A) YAOUNDE 4597 (B) NDJAMENA 3417

1. DEC 1 DCM SPOKE FRANCIS NKWEN, DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, CONCERNING WILSON CASE. NKWEN SAID COMPETENT GURC AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN INFORMED OF OUR INTEREST, BUT HE WANTED OBSERVE "BETWEEN TWO OF US" THAT WILSON'S ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE FOR SOME TIME. HE NOTED THAT CAMEROONIAN HAD BEEN ARRESTED WITH WILSON AND SAID MRS WILSON WAS THOUGHT TO BE A MEMBER OF SAME QUOTE RING UNQUOTE: COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY GURC SUSPECTS WILSONS SUPPORTING PRACTICE OF PROSCRIBED RELIGION IN CAMEROON AND NOT JUST SERVICING CHADIAN MISSIONS.

2. BELIEVE IT PREMATURE MAKE JUDGMENT HOW GURC WILL HANDLE CASE. THEY APPRISED OF SITUATION AND HOW IT APPEARS IN OUR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE TO EXPEL WILSON TO CHAD. HOWEVER, IN VIEW GURC SOMEWHAT SUSPICIOUS ATTITUDE TOWARDS EXPATRIATES WHO SUPPORT WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, THEY MAY DECIDE MAKE ISSUE OF WILSON'S ACTIVITIES. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP AFTER MARION FORD (REFTEL A), USAID EMPLOYEE WHO KNOWS ALL GURC OFFICIALS IN YAGOUA, HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY MAKE ON-GROUND ASSESSMENT. EMBASSY HAS SENT WILSON TELEGRAM INFORMING HIM THAT WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH GURC CONCERNING HIS CASE AND OF FORD VISIT.

3. IN MEANTIME, BELIEVE ALL CONCERNED SHOULD NOT OVERREACT. IT
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MAY BE THIS MATTER CAN BE RESOLVED IN QUIET MANNER, WITHOUT

RECOURSE TO ATTORNEYS. RECOMMEND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MRS WILSON COME TO CAMEROON, AS IT APPARENT SHE ALSO WOULD MOST LIKELY BE ARRESTED. THIS RECOMMENDATION ALSO EXTENDS TO NOT VISITING KOUSSERI AS ACTING POLICE COMMISSIONER OR PLICE COMMISSIONER AT YAGOUA MAY HAVE INFORMED YAOUNDE OF HER VISIT (REFTEL B) AND ORDER FOR HER ARREST COULD HAVE BEEN ISSUED. PLEASE ASSURE HER EMBASSY WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS RESOLVE MATTER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND WILL ATTEMPT KEEP HER FULLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS THROUGH GOOD OFFICES AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA. IN THIS CONNECTION 12/2 WILL PROBABLY BE LOCAL HOLIDAY AND WE MAY HAVE NO FURTHER INFO UNTIL WE HEAR FROM FORD O/A DEC 7.
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